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GOT LOST IN THE SHUFFLE

Predictions Well Founded Apparently

Wonder what has become of the St. Johns Gas Light & Heat Co., later designated as the Economy Gas Co. Only a month or two ago the representatives of this company stormed and bombarded the city hall in a strenuous endeavor to get a franchise passed by the council. They even charged that the city officials did not give them a fair shake, and they circulated among the private citizens and painted glowing pictures of the mammoth plant they were going to install in St. Johns and told of the great benefit the city was going to derive from their operations here. The city council which never did believe they meant business, finally faced the issue and passed their franchise up to third reading. This was as far as it could be taken until sixty days had elapsed and the proposed franchise had been published in the official paper twice, the last publication to be completed at least twenty days before it could come up for third reading and final passage. Since that time the Economy Gas Co. has been strangely silent. The sixty days have now expired, and the franchise has not yet been published. Is it any reason that people smile when the Economy Gas Co. is mentioned. It has been a standing joke so long that even the people who did have faith in their promises are losing what little they did have. The Portland Gas Company has complied with the provisions of the city charter and the two publications have taken place. There is but little doubt that their franchise will be granted. In some respects a pipe line from the Portland reservoir, as the Portland Gas Co. propose to supply St. Johns with gas, is better than a plant being located here. The dirt, smut and smoke that emanates from a gas plant will be lacking, and the adjoining property will not suffer from a deposit of this nature continually sifting upon it as is the case where a plant is doing duty. It is never a thing of beauty and most people are not desirous of residing in the immediate neighborhood of such an institution. On the other hand a gas plant would employ several men and assessed valuation would help a little in the way of taxes. The main thing, however, is to secure good gas at a reasonable price, and the company that can guarantee us that should receive the preference. We need gas, and we need it badly. The wood men have us so greatly at their mercy that relief from any source is welcome. The idea of paying four big shilling dollars for a load of wood that measures a little over half a cord is highway robbery almost. But that is what we have to stand for or face a fireless hearth. If gas will afford any relief let us have gas.

Injured by a Bull

Mrs. Jennie Eicher, residing on a farm near Sacramento from several weeks ago, is suffering from several wounds on head and body inflicted by an enraged bull Monday evening when she entered the corral to milk her cows. The bull attacked her without warning, striking her face with his horns. She struck him with a milking stool and ran, but the enraged animal pursued, goring her on the shoulders, inflicting fearful injuries. She fell and the bull continued to strike with his head and horns until she managed to crawl through the fence, where she was found later by relatives. She may recover, but is disfigured for life. The bull has been butchered.

Builds Them Right

O. D. Thiel has sold the residence he is now constructing on Fessenden street near Oswego to G. D. Estinger. This will make the third dwelling Mr. Thiel has erected and sold within the past seven months. There must be something peculiarly attractive about the residences Mr. Thiel constructs in order to dispose of them so rapidly.

WILL BE LEASED READILY

New Dock Will be Much Sought After

At the regular meeting of the Commercial club Thursday evening of last week the leasing of the city dock was discussed. Mayor Hendricks stated that the prospective bidders with whom he had conversed were one in declaring that if they could not secure the entire dock they would not offer bids. It was the unanimous opinion of the club that if more could be gained by leasing the entire dock it should be done, and then have Richmond street dock fixed up in such shape that it could take care of the public business until other arrangements could be perfected. This seems the most feasible plan, because the city cannot afford to lose money on a dock as valuable as the new one is. There are four or five prospective bidders in sight, and all represent extensive business interests. The dock will be let to the best bidder, and whoever secures it will mean much to the city of St. Johns outside of the actual cash for the lease of the dock. Assuredly the O. R. & N. Co. and likely the North Bank road will run lines to connect with it, many men will be employed in handling the grain and other freight that will be stored and loaded onto the cars on a daily, and a constant scene of activity will be enacted. Competent men who have inspected the new dock claim that there is nothing in the city of Portland that can compare with it, and that our citizens have reason to feel proud of it. The Richmond street dock could be fitted up at a small cost to be quite a revenue producer for the city. A safe place for storing freight must be provided, and it is likely that a watchman may be necessary. Richmond street is the best one in the city leading directly to the river and the dock at its foot is easily accessible to man or beast, and with the new concrete sidewalk that is now being constructed will make an exceedingly fine thoroughfare.

To Build Fine Home

The beautiful and slightly piece of ground overlooking the dry dock which was offered to the city as a park last year has been sold. The price asked for the city was \$18,000, and the Review strongly urged its purchase, but the consensus of opinion seemed to be that it was entirely too excessive in price and the proposition was turned down at the polls. A. S. Benson, of the Benson Logging Company, has purchased the greater portion of it for \$20,000 and Peter Autzen the balance for \$4,000, thus making an increase of \$6,000 in price in a very short time. Mr. Benson is now having plans prepared for a \$10,000 residence to be erected thereon, and without doubt will have the finest residence site in the city. It is certainly to be regretted that the city did not obtain this tract as a park site, as for scenic beauty and accessibility it could not be beaten.

Will Make Good

George Simmons has secured the agency for the Portland Daily Journal for this section. J. N. Keeler has resigned the position and will take up another line of work. Mr. Simmons is nicely located for handling this business and prospective subscribers will have no difficulty in finding him at any time, since he will look after his new duties in connection with his confectionary store on Jersey street. George expects to pay the Journal right to the front and will no doubt be a good man for the "job."

K. O. Magoon now has his ice cream and confectionary store on Jersey street nicely fitted up and it is an ornament as well as a convenience. E. O. certainly knows how to make a store look inviting and attractive.
Roses, roses, roses—Vogue Millinery.

FRANCHISE PASSES 3RD READING

Portland Gas Company Promises to Have Gas in St. Johns Within 100 Working Days from the Passage of Their Ordinance that is Now Pending

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening with Mayor Hendricks in the chair and all members present. Minutes of the previous regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved. A petition for the improvement of Hudson street, Charleston to Newport, now Buchanan, was read and laid on the table for one week in order to investigate same and ascertain if the assessed valuation of the property will stand for the proposed improvement. Bills to the amount of \$83.66 were allowed. A remonstrance against the proposed improvement of Lehigh street was read. As the valuation of the abutting property will not allow for the improvement at this time the matter was laid over for the present. A Mr. Darling, making application for use of our streets with a pop corn stand, was referred to the city recorder. A legal representative of the Portland Gas company was present and called the attention of the new members to the provisions of the franchise which they were asking council to grant. He asked that council expedite matters and push it through without delay, as the company was now in readiness to go ahead and have a pipe line in St. Johns within 100 working days. He declared that his company did not desire a monopoly of the gas field in this city, but stated that they must not be hampered or annoyed by any other company during the term of office of the present officials. The field here, he said, was not inviting to any gas company at the present time, and that money would be lost for the next five or six years by one company, and that two could not exist, but they had great hopes for the future of St. Johns, and after

they had gotten under way council could grant a hundred franchises as far as they were concerned. His company was in the gas business, and if people of this city wanted gas they were prepared to furnish it, while the other company seeking a franchise he believed were not acting in good faith. Councilman A. W. Davis then arose and stated that the old members were very familiar with all the provisions of the franchise, that the company had conceded all points asked for, and he moved that the proposed franchise have its third reading, which was done. One or two of the new members declared that they were not enlightened as much as they would desire regarding its provisions, and then Councilman Doble made a motion which carried that council meet as a committee of the whole, adjourn to another room and discuss the matter in private. When they returned to the council chamber it was decided to ask for an alteration in the franchise which required the company to furnish gas at the same rate as Portland was getting it for if annexation with that city occurred at any time. After conferring with the company over the phone their attorney stated that they were willing to make this concession. As the charter provides that if any alteration is made after a proposed franchise has been published it must be republished in like manner before final passage can be arrived at, Councilman A. W. Davis moved that this be done, which was so ordered. The Portland Gas company has been more than fair in every detail, and the city has been fully safeguarded on every point. They fully deserve the franchise and there is scarcely a doubt but that they will receive it when it comes up for final passage a few weeks hence. It may be found

in this issue and every citizen should read it carefully. A petition for an arc light at Catlin and Ivanhoe streets was read and ordered filed. This was all that could be done at present as the money appropriated for street lighting has been exhausted for this year. The mayor stated that the dumping ground at the foot of Fessenden street was now ready for use, and that the rock crusher was doing business and getting along nicely. A bid was received from T. H. Cochran for the grading, spreading crushed rock and concrete sidewalk and curbs 97 cents per lineal foot, cut 39 cents, fill 19 cents, cross walks and box gutters 50 cents. The bid was deemed a very favorable one and was awarded Mr. Cochran. No bids were received for Tacoma and East Burlington streets, owing to the uncertainty of securing crushed rock as rapidly as it was needed. Resolutions appointing viewers on the condemnation of Richmond and Buchanan streets were adopted and may be found elsewhere in this issue. The mayor appointed J. S. McKinney as special police at the immense salary of one dollar per year, which was unanimously confirmed by council. An ordinance providing for the leasing of the city dock was passed and may be found in another column. A request from the G. A. R. for the use of the new dock for holding Memorial services May 30th was granted contingent upon the city having the dock in its possession at that time. The bids for the new city dock will be received until May 28th, when a number of bids are expected to be in the hands of the recorder.

Best on the River

At a conference between Contractor Paquet and the city council last Friday evening, the new city dock was formally accepted. A penalty of \$200 was required of the contractor for not finishing the job within the time specified. Council made quite a concession in this matter, as \$10 per day straight could have been charged from February 20th to May 1, but as bad weather intervened and a difficulty was experienced in securing material when it was most badly needed, \$200 was deemed sufficient under the circumstances. The dock is an especially fine one, the best of material was used throughout and the workmanship was very satisfactory. There is not another dock on the river as substantial. The final date for receiving bids for its lease has been extended in order to have the structure wired and several other improvements made. The five per cent commission usually paid for plans and supervision on a structure of this character was saved by having an engineer, and the \$1750 thus saved paid for an inspector and also the city engineer's salary for an entire year. A saving of \$1750 was also effected on the dock by Councilman A. W. Davis securing plans from the O. R. & N. Co. and turning them over for the city's use free of charge, as an architect's charges would have been five per cent. Thus it will be seen that the city was singularly fortunate all the way through in regard to the new dock, and as it stands today is worth much more than it cost. There will be no difficulty about leasing it, as several firms with grain ware houses strung all along the eastern part of the state and in Washington and Idaho have signified their intention of presenting bids, and all are greatly pleased with the structure. As soon as it is leased by a responsible firm the railroads will soon connect with it and are now running a survey with this purpose in view. The rental will not likely run under \$5000 per year for the next five years, which will pay the interest, keep the dock in repair and create a sinking fund to liquidate the principal.

A Hard Problem

The girl question is a serious one in St. Johns. It is almost impossible to secure a girl for general housework that is really "worth her salt." And why is it? There is no lack of young girls but it seems that housework is more distasteful to them than any other vocation. The majority of them would rather go to Portland and stand all day behind a counter for four or five dollars a week, pay their care fare and board out of this magnificent sum, than work in somebody's kitchen for that amount clear. There is surely nothing dishonorable or disgraceful about doing housework for some one else. The work is not nearly so hard or trying as to stand all day behind a counter and endeavoring to please a lot of tiresome customers. Almost every day some one is making the rounds looking for a girl to do housework, but in almost every instance the search is fruitless. The few that sometimes can be secured are generally those whom nobody else will have because they are incompetent. If housework continues to be so distasteful to the young women, the young men of the next generation will have a pleasant time inducing their wives to care for their homes.

Uncle Billy Dead

Uncle Billy Brown died at his home in Dallas Monday morning. He was a man of considerable means and for many years was a hop grower with large holdings in Polk county. Many times when the old gentleman had made a big deal in hops he would amuse himself by scattering nickles for the little boys of his home town, who would follow "Uncle Billy" from place to place waiting for the showering of coin to take place. Lately he has given his attention more to the widows of the town by giving an annual dinner. The old gentleman was noted for his hospitality and many kindly acts. Dell Cox is now employed as clerk in George Simmons' confectionary store on Jersey street.

Many Offsprings

The Association of Charities of San Francisco is advertising for a baby carriage for the 35th child of Juan Grijalva, whose family owned thousands of acres in that state before the Americans came. Juan has also been wealthy in his day, but he is now rich in nothing except children, one having come to bless him nearly every year since his first marriage, almost 50 years ago. Of his 35 children Juan has completely lost track of 10, some of whom left so long ago that he would probably not recognize them should they meet on the street. The baby carriage has just arrived to bring joy to heart of its 70-year-old father who is reported dead by the nurses at the hospital on account of a mixup in name. The grief of the aged father and the young mother, the fourth of Juan's wives was intense, but their joy was equal to when they learned that the report was untrue. Now the baby is better and the descendant of Spanish grandees is seeking the carriage.

Making a Stir

The Columbia Steel company has had a large force of men and teams at work on their grounds on the west side of the river. The land is being leveled off for the erection of their mammoth steel plant, which will be the largest of its kind on the Pacific coast. Stirring scenes are being enacted on the west side. Grading and leveling off is in progress at Whitwood Court, the new Kelley Butte just west of Claremont is having the earth torn up in readiness to open up a stone quarry and erect suitable buildings for the incarceration of those who go wrong, several new buildings are going up, several new depots have been erected by the United Railways company, the Gen Harbor tract is being graded, as is several other tracts this side of Linton. The west side is certainly making a stir in the world. Subscribe for the Review and be happy.

CLEAN UP THE STREETS

Crusade Along This Line Would Be Well

There is certainly need of a vigorous street cleaning campaign in St. Johns. The principal streets have been cleaned once or twice this year by the city, but the rubbish accumulates so rapidly that a general cleanup is necessary at least once a week to keep the streets in the clean condition they should be. There is nothing that spreads disease more rapidly than dirty streets where flies congregate and absorb the poisonous matter and disease germs. A glance down on the west side of Jersey street will convince any one that there is great need of an organized movement for the removal of old papers and other rubbish that lodge along the sidewalk. The wind that generally carries the litter to the west side and at the present time it is pretty deep and still rising. It is far from being a pleasing sight for strangers dropping off the cars to come face to face with this accumulation, and does not speak well for the tidiness of our city. If there is no ordinance against throwing waste paper and other debris upon any street in St. Johns, one should be framed up, passed and strictly enforced. The ladies of our city should organize a Village Improvement society and provide receptacles to receive all the surplus rubbish on the principal thoroughfares and let woe betide anyone guilty of marring the beauty of the streets by throwing old papers, wrappers or pokes upon same. Other cities have handled this matter in a satisfactory manner this way, and it should be inaugurated here. If the city treasury can not spare the money to employ a regular street cleaning brigade, we believe the business men along the business streets would be willing to sweep the off fallings into a pile in front of their stores each morning, and any drayman would be willing to pick it up at a small cost. Let some method be adopted to keep the streets clean, and let it be inaugurated without further delay.

Successful Publication

The Peninsula, a publication gotten out by E. L. Merritt and S. B. Klahn, is now being distributed. It is certainly a commendable product, and should prove a great booster for the Peninsula. The articles are well written and a good description is given of the entire peninsula. The business men have aided the publication very generously, and it is to be hoped that great good will result from the efforts made by these gentlemen in bringing this part of the world to the notice of the world at large. Ten thousand copies were published and they will be distributed where they will do the most good. Many interesting cuts were used and the tale of the peninsula is well told. If you have a friend in the east you are desirous of interesting in this section nothing better could be sent than one of these magazines. Both Mr. Merritt and Mr. Klahn have labored earnestly and incessantly to make this magazine a success, and they deserve much praise for the good work they achieved. It is not the easiest thing in the world to get out a publication of this magnitude, and the publishers can congratulate themselves upon making it the success it is.

Shooting Affray

A shooting affair took place at Swift's packing plant last Friday morning at 6:40. Con Enright, a teamster, shot and dangerously wounded a fellow teamster, William M. Iverson, by shooting him in the back. The tragedy resulted from several alterations the two men had had at different times, which reached the climax as stated. Enright made his escape and has not yet been apprehended. Work for a Greater St. Johns.

LOCALS LOSE TO VANCOUVER

Game Not Nearly Up To the Standard

The Vancouver Pioneers defeated the St. Johns club in a one-sided game last Sunday. The weather was not at all propitious for good ball playing, as a cool north wind blew almost constantly. Stone, the crack local twirler from California, proved himself to be no cold weather twirler, and was knocked out of the box in the seventh inning. The Vancouver boys put up good ball and deserved to win the game. They have a bunch of good hitters, and they also know how to field the ball in good style. Fred Galas, who formerly played with St. Johns, but lately acquired by the Vancouver lads, did the best work with the stick, getting a single, a double and a triple out of five times up. The locals did not field as well as usual, the outfield not getting under one ball. The game was a pretty one up to the sixth inning, when a two base hit, a base on balls and an easy chance to short which the local man picked up and struck the Pioneer running to third in an endeavor to put him out, the ball rolling far out of the diamond, netting two runs and started the toboggan. Five runs resulted before the side was retired. In the seventh the Vancouver lads landed on Brother Stone for keeps, and doubles and singles followed each other in rapid succession. The outfield was kept busy chasing the leather, and Centerfielder Adams almost broke himself in two in making a wild stab for a ball against the fence. Another member of the Stone family was then placed in the box and the fireworks ceased. It was quite obvious to the shivering audience that the change should have been made sooner but as the result showed, it would not have materially mattered, as the locals were outplayed at all stages of the game. The score resulted in 11 for the Pioneers and 2 for the locals.

May be Worth Keeping

Sulphate of zinc one grain, half a teaspoonful of sugar; mix with a teaspoonful of water; when thoroughly mixed add four ounces of water. Take a teaspoonful every hour. Disease will disappear in twelve hours. For a child smaller doses, according to age. This will also cure scarlet fever. This recipe is known to have cured a hundred cases. It will prevent or cure small-pox through the pittings are filled. Copied from a California paper. Subscriber. (The above recipe was found under our door Monday morning, and the contributor is unknown.—Ed.)

Tag Your "Purp"

There have been 45 dog licenses taken out thus far this year, according to the record at the city hall, but it is said that there are still a number running at large without a tag. Chief Bredeon is keeping his eyes peeled for canines with this necessary neck adornment lacking, and owners had best confess to guardianship by securing a tag. If a dog is not worth a dollar a year it should be dispensed with.

Do You Know Him

A party from Spokane, Wash., writes: Will you kindly state in your paper that if there is a young man in your vicinity by the name of Orville Smith that his mother wants to hear from him. He is of rather slender build, dark brown hair and eyes. His mother has good news for him. Direct any news to 512 McClellan street, Spokane, Wash. For the first time in many years there will be no public baths for the boys and girls of Portland this summer. The old bath house has been sold and no steps have been taken to replace it with a new one.